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1. ALT US REP DEP SECY OF TRANSPORTATION BARNUM EXPRESSED
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STRONG US SUPPORT FOR THE CCMS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. THE US
HOPES THAT THE FELLOWSHIPS WILL COMPLEMENT THE WORK BEING
CARRIED OUT IN THE PILOT STUDIES, AND WILL DEAL WITH
TOPICS OF HIGH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY. THE

US CIRCULATED A LIST OF SUGGESTED PRIORITY FELLOWSHIP TOPICS WHICH INCLUDED NOISE POLLUTION, CHEMICAL CONTAMINANTS, AND DRINKING WATER.

BELGIUM (RENSON) COMMENDED THE WORK DONE BY THE SECRETARIAT IN ORGANIZING THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME. ITALY (SALVO) ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH BELGIUM'S COMMENDATION OF THE NATO SECRETARIAT'S CONDUCT OF PROGRAM.

2. UNDER "ANY OTHER BUSINESS ITEM, THE UK (LEWIS) POSED THE QUESTION OF A SUITABLE TOPIC FOR THE SPRING PLENARY ROUNDTABLE. THE UK BELIEVES ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS (I.E., HOW TO DETERMINE REALISTIC ESTIMATES OF THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION TO SET ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR THE PROTECTION OF ECOSYSTEMS) MIGHT BE A SUITABLE TOPIC AND, ON THE SUGGESTION OF ASYG OZDAS, WILL CIRCULATE A MORE DETAILED PROPOSAL TO THAT EFFECT. ITALY (SALVO) URGED THAT TWO FACTORS BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IN ORGANIZATION OF SPRING ROUNDTABLE: SETTING A TIME LIMIT ON INITIAL NATIONAL STATEMENTS AND BRINGING HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS TO THE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. THE SECRETARIAT WILL CIRCULATE THE UK PROPOSAL AND ANY OTHERS, WHEN RECEIVED, FOR ALLIED COMMENT.

3. US CCMS CO-ORDINATOR HARRIS IN POST PLENARY CALL ON ASG OZDAS INDICATED US INTEREST IN PRESENTING REPORT TO SPRING PLENARY ON FREON-OZONE DEVELOPMENTS AND SUGGESTED PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT OR NOISE POLLUTION AS POSSIBLE ROUNDTABLE TOPICS. ACTION REQUESTED: SECRETARIAT HAS ASKED FOR A FEW AMPLIFYING PARAGRAPHS ON THESE US TOPICS IN ORDER TO CIRCULATE THEM WITH UK PROPOSAL (ONWHICH UK IS PROVIDING SIMILAR ELABORATION) FOR ALLIED CONSIDERATION. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

4. MISSION COMMENT: WE BELIEVE CCMS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION NEXT SPRING ON PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY WELL-TIMED AND THAT TOPIC WOULD GENERATE WIDESPREAD ALLIED INTEREST AND CAREFUL PREPARATION FOR USEFUL EXCHANGE WITH SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PROBLEM.
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AT FALL PLENARY VARIOUS ALLIED REPS (INCLUDING US REP TRAIN) IN MEETING AND/OR IN CORRIDORS OBSERVED THAT INTERNATIONAL MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EFFORTS (E.G., RATIFICATION OF OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION) ARE LAGGING SOMEWHAT AND COULD USE FURTHER IMPULSE AND RENEWAL OF THEIR PRIORITIES--HIGH-LEVEL EXAMINATION OF QUESTION NEXT SPRING IN CCMS COULD HELP PROMOTE THIS OBJECTIVE; SIMILARLY, CCMS' OWN MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL WORK ON MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL WATER QUALITY AND ON OIL SPILLS IS JUST NOW MOVING INTO ACTIVE FOLLOW-UP PHASE, WITH FURTHER COOPERATION IN THESE FIELDS ALREADY PROJECTED AS CONSEQUENCE OF ORIGINAL CCMS WORK PROGRAMS - THESE TOO COULD PROFIT FROM IMPULSE GIVEN BY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC AND CCMS FOLLOW-UP COULD BE EVEN MORE EFFECTIVELY HARMONIZED WITH OTHER

EFFORTS INTERNATIONALLY IN OVERALL MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD.
END COMMENT.

5. THE DATES SELECTED FOR SPRING CCMS PLENARY AT NATO ARE
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